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1. IN VIEW OF NEED FOR MORE INFORMATION FOR DEPARTMENT AND A.I.D. OFFICIALS DEALING WITH MOZAMBIQUE'S ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, WE HOPE EMBASSY LISBON HAS BEEN ABLE TO DEVELOP INFORMATION ON GOP INTENTIONS IN RESPECT TO ECONOMIC SUPPORT FOR TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT. MOZAMBICAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND PORTUGUESE HIGH COMMISSIONER HAVE SAID ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS THAT MOZAMBIQUE WOULD TURN FIRST TO PORTUGAL FOR
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WISHED TO DEAL WITH FOREIGN DONORS INDEPENDENTLY OF PORTUGAL, THIS DOES NOT OBVIATE FACT THAT REPLACEMENT OF DEPARTING PORTUGUESE TECHNICIANS, DOCTORS AND PROFESSORS, AS WELL AS ALLEVIATION OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE PROBLEM, IS HIGHLY DEPENDENT ON INTERIM STEPS WHICH GOP IS WILLING TO CONSIDER.

2. IN NOVEMBER 23 INTERVIEW WITH RADIO CLUB OF MOZAMBIQUE, SECRETARY GENERAL AGUIAR (WHO IS HIGH COMMISSIONER'S NUMBER TWO MAN AND WITH WHOM ASST SECY EASUM TALKED EXTENSIVELY DURING HIS VISIT) STATED HE HAD RECENTLY HAD TWO WORKING SESSIONS IN LISBON WITH PORTUGUESE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON DECOLONIZATION, AT WHICH PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES, PRIME MINISTER VASCOS GONCALVES, MINISTER OF INTERTERRITORIAL COORDINATION ALMEIDA SANTOS, FOREIGN MINISTER SOARES AND OTHERS WERE PRESENT. AGUIAR STATED HE HAD GIVEN GENERAL EXPOSITION ON THE PROBLEMS OF THE MOZAMBIQUE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT AND PARTICULARLY ON THE SERIOUS FOREIGN EXCHANGE PROBLEM. AGUIAR HAD EMPHASIZED THE URGENT NEED TO IMPROVE FOREIGN EXCHANGE SITUATION. HE HAD ALSO UNDERLINED THE NECESSITY OF ASSISTANCE TO MOZAMBIQUE IN RESTORING PRODUCTION OF INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES AFFECTED BY THE RECENT TROUBLES IN LOURENCO MARQUES AND THE IMPORTANCE OF AID IN FORM OF PORTUGUESE TECHNICIANS IN THIS REGARD, BOTH IN THE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTOR.

3. LOCAL PRESS REPORTED THAT MOZAMBIQUE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT'S UNDERSECRETARY OF FINANCE, JOAQUIM CARVALHO, ARRIVED IN LISBON NOV 22 FOR MEETING WITH PORTUGUESE LEADERS ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION. CARVALHO IS ONE OF FRELIMO'S LEADING ECONOMIC SPECIALISTS. HE IS PRESIDENT OF THE JOINT COMMISSION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MOZAMBICAN CENTRAL BANK AND FOR QUESTIONS OF PORTUGUESE-MOZAMBIQUE ECONOMIC COOPERATION. LOCAL PRESS STATES THIS IS FIRST VISIT TO LISBON BY PROMINENT MEMBER OF FRELIMO.

4. IT WAS ANNOUNCED IN MOZAMBIQUE'S OFFICIAL BULLETIN OF NOVEMBER 23 THAT DOCTOR JOSE MAGALHAES SALDANHA GOMES MOTA WAS NAMED BY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER AS HIS DELEGATE ATTACHED TO THE OFFICE OF MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO MAJOR MELO ANTUNES IN LISBON. PRESS STORY STATED MEASURE WAS AIMED AT FOLLOWING, IN LISBON, VAST AND COMPLEX DECOLONIZATION ACTIVITIES AND
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COORDINATION OF THESE ACTIVITIES AT THE "CENTERS OF DECISION" COVERING PRACTICALLY ALL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.
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